

Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club Newsletter

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A note from our Advisors

Cari and I wanted to congratulate everyone on an amazing year. We currently have 308 members which is a 40% increase over last year! That was kicked off by the fantastic Super Sign Up event which was spearheaded by our very own Jeanelle Hurley. Momentum was maintained due to the popularity of our monthly socials which were expertly planned by Vince Afaisen and beautifully decorated by Helen Prassinis! We've had many successful fundraisers and we should all be grateful to Angela Elgin for jumping in with both feet and working so hard with Dani Lander to make those events happen. Sarah Custer and Allison Burton have done an excellent job of keeping us on budget and out of trouble! Of course, none of our success could have happened without the vision and enthusiasm of our fearless leader, Karly Gadell. All of the people I mentioned (and all of the rest of you that I ran out of space to mention) are uniquely talented and were the right people at the right time to make the FLSC the best it has ever been. This year's board has done a great job and Cari and I are continually impressed by you all! We are immensely proud to be a part of your club! That said, we are NOT done! We need all hands on deck for the big Spring fundraiser; Golf Scramble and Western Night on April 27th! Please collect donations from any businesses you are familiar with, recruit your friends to play in the scramble, and volunteer to work at the event! Certainly don't miss the April social or the May Luau, when we present our scholarship and grant awards! These awards are the main reason we work so hard all year, so you won't want to miss seeing the happy faces of the recipients. Last but not least, if you haven't already, please consider joining next year's board. We are #trending up and you definitely want to be a part of this amazing team!



Mandy Mosier & Cari Pavlichko
Honorary Advisors





APRIL EVENTS

- 1 Bourbon Club 6:30 PM
- 3 Run Club 5:15 AM
- 4 Pickleball 9 AM
Bowling Club 12:30 PM
- 8 Trivia Club: Friends Theme 6 PM
- 10 Run Club 5:15 AM
Beer & Breweries Club: Glow Bingo 6 PM
- 11 Knit & Crochet
Movie Night Club 7:30 PM
- 15 Gatsby Bunco Night 6 PM
- 17 Run Club 5:15 AM
Make It, Bake It, Fake It 11 AM
- 18 Coffee Club 9 AM
- 20 Movie Club TBA
- 22 Restaurant Explorers 11:30 AM
- 24 Run Club 5:15 AM
- 25 Pickleball 9 AM
Book Club 10 AM
Retiree Club 6 PM
- 27 Golf Scramble & Western Night
- 29 Craft Club



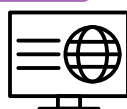
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Featured board members

Each month we feature a selection of our amazing board members in the newsletter! This month our featured board members are:

Kendall- Volunteer Coordinator
Christina- CGSC Liaison
Katie- Retiree Liaison
Judy- Honorary President
Mandy- Honorary Advisor
Cari- Honorary Advisor



Featured board members



Hello,
I'm Christina
CGSC Representative

About me

I am originally from Tampa, FL. My husband, Tanner, and I have been married for 10 years! We have two dogs, Lincoln and Grant! In my free time, I love to explore! I love driving around and seeing new things, towns, and landmarks. I also love coffee. Most mornings, I will find myself sitting on my porch watching birds with my coffee in hand!

Fun Facts

- I played tennis growing up, because of this I was homeschooled 6th through High School.
- I love to camp/backpack, especially in National Parks! I recently backpacked a few days Sequoia!



KENDALL

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

About me

I am originally from Lafayette County, MO. My husband and I have been married 7 years and we have one kiddo! We also have two pets, a 8 year old Australian cattle dog cross named Moose and an orange female tabby cat named Velma. They are best friends. In my free time, I enjoy working on my many unfinished craft projects. I also enjoy gardening, or as my husband calls it, "buying more plants you're just going to kill?" I still try though. I also volunteer with ACS as an Instructor for their English as A Second Language classes as well as the FMWR Mayor Program as the Kickapoo Village Mayor. My husband and I LOVE Christmas, specifically Christmas magic. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus are our very good friends and they bring us so much joy (insert wink emoji).



Fun Facts

- I worked at Kaufmann and Arrowhead in high school
- I know how to drive tractors, excavators, and other heavy equipment



Moose + Velma



Katie Payne

RETIREE LIAISON & SUB-CLUB LEADER



ABOUT ME

My husband, Brian, and I have been married for 31 years. We have 4 daughters, 3 sons-in-law, and the cutest little 2 year old grand-daughter. We also have a Golden retriever named Finn. My military community is like family to me. My life is so full because of the relationships that have been forged through the good times and the challenging times. It's been an amazing ride!!

FUN FACTS

- I started a career at 50 years old, after raising our 4 girls.
- I won upgraded concert tickets to Zac Brown Band by winning cornhole.
- I've never dyed my hair.
- I love to soak in the tub - for a really long time.





MANDY

HONORARY ADVISOR



ABOUT ME

My husband, Duane, and I recently celebrated our 23rd anniversary! We have a 16 year old, Logan (#TheSmartOne) and a 14 year old, Noah (#ThePrettyOne). They are both very smart and very pretty but one will try to win scholarships and the other one will try to win a rich wife! I'm so proud to have been a small part of all the amazing things the club has accomplished this year!



FAVORITE LOCAL PLACE!

I love the commissary, where I find all the food to feed the ginormous boys that live in my house and all the cleaning supplies to keep my house from smelling like a goat farm. Second to that I enjoy visiting the Antique Mall in town!

I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT...

I wish I could say something cool like my daily three mile jog, but it's more likely my nightly glass of wine!



Hello! It's Me Cari

Honorary Advisor

About Me

My husband and I went to the same high school and we have been married for 22 years. We have PCSed 11 times and have two high school aged sons. We also have a two year old dog named Ruby!



Ruby



Fun Facts

- I can't live without music. I always have it playing.
- I love to volunteer in my free time!

My Favorites

- Movie: Field of Dreams
- TV Show: The Bear
- Sports: Soccer & Skiing
- Local Restaurant: Q39 BBQ



Judy
Honorary President

Welcome

We also would like to welcome Judy Woodward to the board as our Honorary President. Her support and advice is invaluable to FLSC and we are extremely grateful for her!





RSVP NOW

**Make it,
Bake it,
Fake it**

APRIL 17th
**Frontier
Conference Center**

Bring a craft you made, a food you baked, or fake it all and bring something you bought, all to earn 10 opportunity tickets!

Meal Offerings: Taco Bar

FLSC will also be hosting drives for two different organizations, for which you can earn 1 extra opportunity ticket per donation.

Operation Deploy Your Dress (ODYD) Court Appointed Special Advocates For Children (CASA):

- Formal and cocktail style dresses
- Dress shoes
- Handbags
- Jewelry



- Drawstring or canvas tote bags
- Journal
- Pens
- Fidget Toys
- Chapstick
- Worry stones
- Water bottle
- Water bottle stickers
- Face masks
- Card games (little and older kid)
- Outside items (ex: sidewalk chalk)
- Books (small children)
- Travel-sized games or card games
- * Teen * coloring books and gel pens
- Small puzzle (100 piece or less)
- Craft activity supplies (ex: beads for bracelets)



**RSVP
HERE!**

APRIL
27TH

FLSC Annual Charity

GOLF

SCRAMBLE

Two Fun Events

One Amazing Day

WESTERN NIGHT

BEER BIRDIES BBQ BOURBON

Trails West Golf Course 1 PM

• Frontier Conference Center 6 PM



REGISTER NOW

Come join us for an afternoon of golf and stay for an evening of bbq, live music, dancing, a silent auction, golf awards, cash bar, and the option to participate in a Bourbon Pull. Attend both events or just one. All funds raised support the local community through grants and educational scholarships. This event is open to the community. Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and spouses.

WANTED

BOURBON, BOURBON, BOURBON!



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FOR OUR 1ST ANNUAL FLSC BOURBON PULL

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ODYD is actively seeking donations of:

- *Formal & Cocktail attire (dresses & suits)
- *shoes, jewelry, handbags

All donations should be clean and free of stains, rips or tears.

Porch Pickups offered on APRIL 8, 22 & 29!
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Sub-Clubs of the month

Retiree Club

LEADER: KATIE PAYNE

Is your spouse retired from the military or going to pass that threshold soon? Join Katie and other military spouses with retired service members! They meet once a month for a social outing at a restaurant or other local venue! Check the Sub-Club Facebook page for event details!



Bourbon Club

LEADER: LAURA BROWN



If you like Bourbon or have an interest in learn more about it, this is the club for you! Laura plans a fun tasting event for the Bourbon Club monthly!





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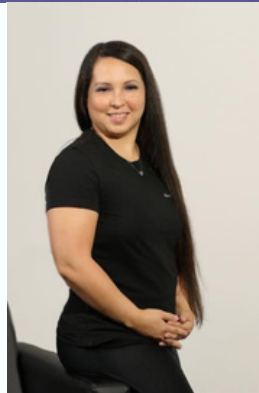
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